balance amount will be released on receipt of Progress Report for the 1st instalment from the State of Goa.

Training to participants of Commonwealth Games

894. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is giving any training to the participants in the Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent, so far; and

(c) the present status thereof and the funds allocated for Commonwealth Games purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. To improve the performance of the Indian contingent in the Commonwealth Games, 2010, a Scheme with allocation of Rs. 678.00 crore (2008-09 to 2010-11) is being implemented for providing training to the elite sportspersons in all the disciplines of the Commonwealth Games, 2010. These disciplines will be Archery, Athletics, Aquatics, Badminton, Boxing (M), Cycling, Gymnastics, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball (W), Rugby 7s (M) Shooting, Squash, Table Tennis, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Elite Athletes with Disability (Athletics, Power lifting, Table Tennis and Swimming). Against allocation of Rs. 678.00 crore, expenditure of Rs. 232.19 crores has been incurred so far (as on 23.11.2009).

Action plan for preparing Indian teams for success in Commonwealth Games

895. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programme/action plan formulated by the Government for preparing the Indian teams for success in the Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) whether Government had consultations with various sporting institutes/organizations regarding preparation of the games;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the name/title of the sporting events for which special attention has been given;

(e) the number of sports person identified so far for providing intensive training/ coaching for each event; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for improving the level of performance of the sportspersons of the country in the Commonwealth Games 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) To improve the performance of the Indian